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Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 45/129 of 14 December 1990 and again in its resolution 46/98 of 16 December 1991, the General Assembly endorsed Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/12 of 24 May 1990, in which the Council recommended that a world conference on women should be held in 1995 and requested that the Commission on the Status of Women act as the preparatory body for the conference.

2. In its resolution 47/95 of 16 December 1992, the General Assembly endorsed Economic and Social Council decision 1992/272 of 30 July 1992, in which the Council took note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women 1/ and endorsed the recommendations contained therein, including resolution 36/8 of 20 March 1992 concerning the preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace. In that resolution, the Commission decided to recommend that participation in the Conference should be open, inter alia, to interested intergovernmental organizations, to be represented by observers at the Conference.

3. Subsequent to the thirty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 15 March to 7 April 1995, certain intergovernmental organizations indicated their interest in participating in the Conference. Since the Commission is not scheduled to meet before the commencement of the Fourth World Conference on Women, on 4 September 1995, the recommendations concerning the participation of interested intergovernmental organizations in the Conference are submitted directly to the General Assembly for its consideration in the present note.

4. The secretariat of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, having reviewed requests from intergovernmental organizations to participate in the Conference, recommended that the following organizations be granted observer status:

Asian Development Bank;

Commonwealth Foundation;

Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research;

Eastern and Southern African Management Institute;

Nordic Council of Ministers;

Preparatory Commission for the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 4 (E/1992/24), chap. I, sect. C.